

I
am the
Alpha

and the
Omega,

the **Beginning** and the **End.**

Revelation 21:6



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Bible Class: 9:15 a.m.

Worship: 10:30 a.m.

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November 24, 2024

The Last Sunday of Pentecost

Serving Us Today

Organist: Kathy Conway

Pastor: Wayne Eichstadt

(Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Spokane Valley)

Pre-service Meditation: *Psalms 126*

Pre-Service Prayer

Lord Jesus, prepare my heart through Your Word to be watchful and ready for your return. Equip and enable me to actively serve You in every aspect of my life and to faithfully fulfill every calling to which You call me. I come to You repenting of all my sins, seeking forgiveness through Your redeeming work. Forgive me. Come to me and teach me through Your Word. Amen.

Order of Worship (WS2000 pp. 1ff)

*When the congregation is asked to stand, please do so only if you are able.
You may remain seated if standing is difficult.*

Opening Prayer

Hymn: 609 — Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (spoken): **Amen**

P: Beloved of God: Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God our Father, asking Him, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer: we confess that we are sinful by nature, and have sinned against You in our thoughts, words, and actions. We have not loved You above all things. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, and, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us our sins.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given His only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a fellow believer called by Christ to serve among you and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C (spoken): **Amen.**

C (sings): **Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.**

(WS2000 pp. 2-3)

Pastor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth.

Cong: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give you thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer (Pastor)

Congregation (speaks): **Amen**



**God Speaks to Us
Through His Word**

Old Testament Reading:

Isaiah 65:1-19 (pew Bible p. 742)

The LORD was ready to hear His people, but they were busy following after other gods—yet not all had turned from Him. God makes a clear distinction between those who forsake Him and those who remain faithful to Him.

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;

I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, “Here I am, here I am,”

to a nation that was not called by^[a] my name.

I spread out my hands all the day

to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;

a people who provoke me

to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and making offerings on bricks;

who sit in tombs,

and spend the night in secret places;

who eat pig's flesh,

and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;

who say, “Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”

These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all the day.

Behold, it is written before me:

“I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their lap

*both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together,
says the LORD;*

because they made offerings on the mountains

and insulted me on the hills,

*I will measure into their lap
payment for their former deeds.”*

Thus says the LORD:

*“As the new wine is found in the cluster,
and they say, ‘Do not destroy it,
for there is a blessing in it,’*

*so I will do for my servants' sake,
and not destroy them all.*

*I will bring forth offspring from Jacob,
and from Judah possessors of my mountains;
my chosen shall possess it,
and my servants shall dwell there.*

*Sharon shall become a pasture for flocks,
and the Valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down,
for my people who have sought me.*

*But you who forsake the LORD,
who forget my holy mountain,
who set a table for Fortune
and fill cups of mixed wine for Destiny,*

*I will destine you to the sword,
and all of you shall bow down to the slaughter,
because, when I called, you did not answer;
when I spoke, you did not listen,
but you did what was evil in my eyes
and chose what I did not delight in.”*

Therefore thus says the Lord GOD:

*“Behold, my servants shall eat,
but you shall be hungry;
behold, my servants shall drink,
but you shall be thirsty;
behold, my servants shall rejoice,
but you shall be put to shame;
behold, my servants shall sing for gladness of heart,
but you shall cry out for pain of heart
and shall wail for breaking of spirit.*

*You shall leave your name to my chosen for a curse,
and the Lord GOD will put you to death,
but his servants he will call by another name,
so that he who blesses himself in the land
shall bless himself by the God of truth,*

*and he who takes an oath in the land
shall swear by the God of truth;
because the former troubles are forgotten
and are hidden from my eyes.
“For behold, I create new heavens
and a new earth,
and the former things shall not be remembered
or come into mind.
But be glad and rejoice forever
in that which I create;
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,
and her people to be a gladness.
I will rejoice in Jerusalem
and be glad in my people;
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping
and the cry of distress.*

Responsive Reading: Psalm 126

Pastor: When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

Cong: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy;

P: then they said among the nations, “The LORD has done great things for them.”

C: The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 5:13-16 (pew Bible p. 962)

The light of Jesus and salvation which we have by God’s grace shines to the world through us when we share the gospel and is reflected in our words and actions. Let the light shine!

“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people’s feet. “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and treasure it!

C (sings): **Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**



Confession of Faith: The Apostolic Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

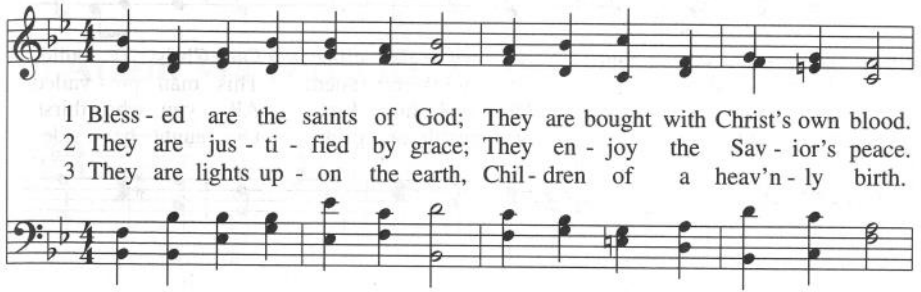
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

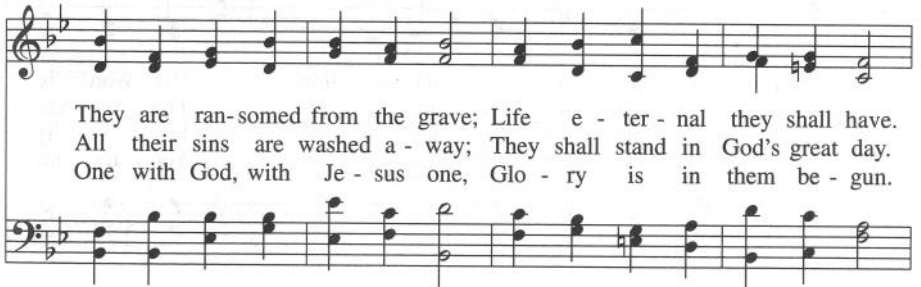


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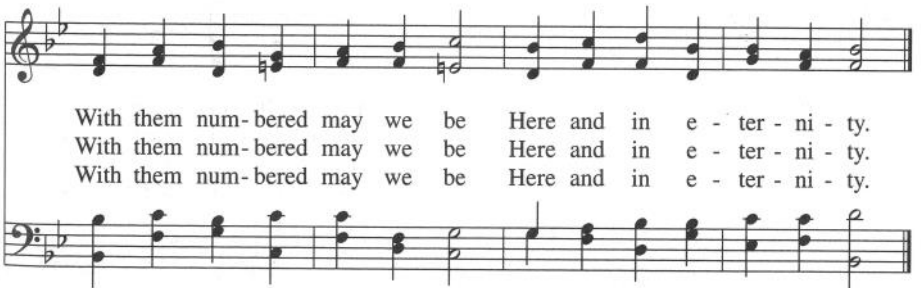
Hymn: Blessed Are the Saints of God



1 Bless - ed are the saints of God; They are bought with Christ's own blood.
2 They are jus - ti - fied by grace; They en - joy the Sav - ior's peace.
3 They are lights up - on the earth, Chil - dren of a heav'n - ly birth.



They are ran - sored from the grave; Life e - ter - nal they shall have.
All their sins are washed a - way; They shall stand in God's great day.
One with God, with Je - sus one, Glo - ry is in them be - gun.



With them num - bered may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.
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The Sermon

Text: Revelation 21:1-8 (pew Bible p. 1233)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be

mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”

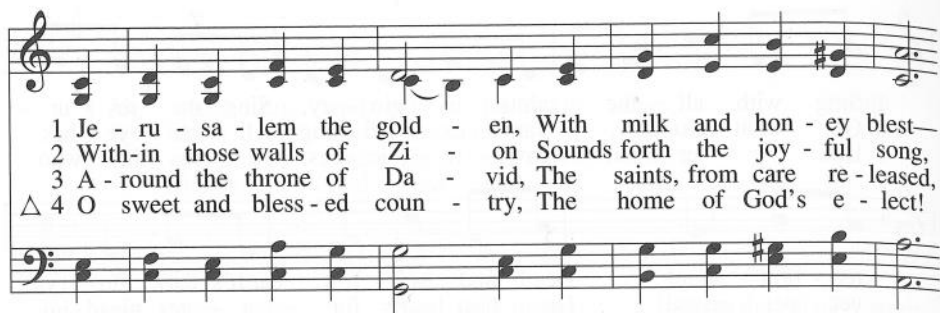
“Jesus—Our Savior and King—is the Alpha and Omega who Makes All Things New”

- I. New clothes
- II. New relationship
- III. New outlook

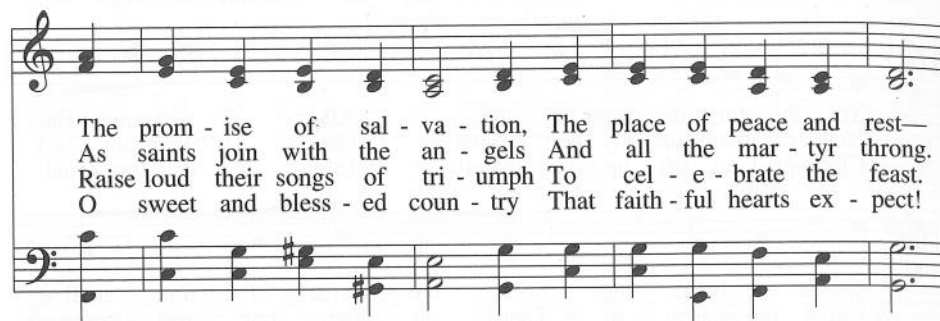
Congregation: Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold me with Your free Spirit.



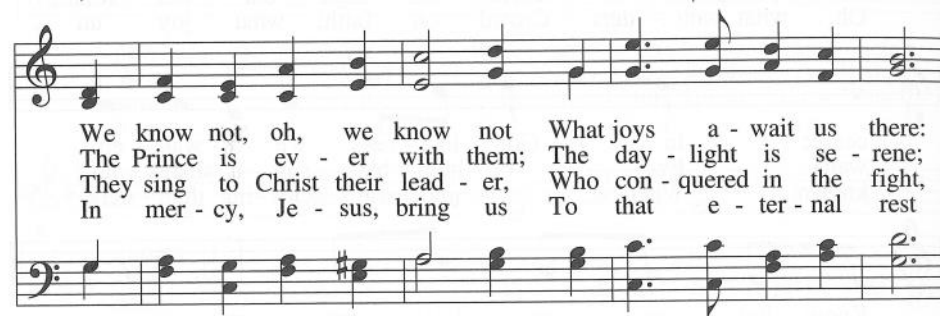
Hymn: Jerusalem the Golden



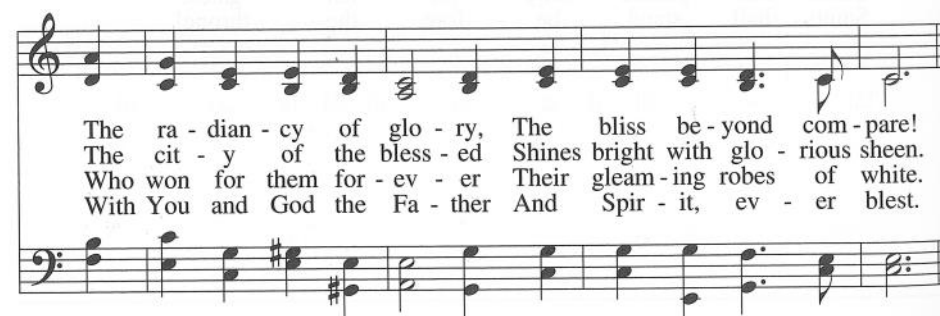
1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With milk and hon - ey blest—
2 With-in those walls of Zi - on Sounds forth the joy - ful song,
3 A - round the throne of Da - vid, The saints, from care re - leased,
△ 4 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The home of God's e - lect!



The prom - ise of sal - va - tion, The place of peace and rest—
As saints join with the an - gels And all the mar - tyr throng.
Raise loud their songs of tri - umph To cel - e - brate the feast.
O sweet and bless - ed coun - try That faith - ful hearts ex - pect!



We know not, oh, we know not What joys a - wait us there:
The Prince is ev - er with them; The day - light is se - rene;
They sing to Christ their lead - er, Who con - quered in the fight,
In mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us To that e - ter - nal rest



The ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, The bliss be - yond com - pare!
The cit - y of the bless - ed Shines bright with glo - rious sheen.
Who won for them for - ev - er Their gleam - ing robes of white.
With You and God the Fa - ther And Spir - it, ev - er blest.

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Benediction (Pastor)

C (spoken): **Amen.**

Hymn: I'm But a Stranger Here (cf. TLH 660)

I'm but a stranger here, Heav'n is my home.
Earth is a desert drear, Heav'n is my home.
Danger and sorrow stand round me on ev'ry hand;
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home.

For Christ's return I wait, Heav'n is my home.
I will see heaven's gate, Heav'n is my home
Serving my Lord while here, death's coming I'll not fear,
I'm with my Savior, dear. Heav'n is my home.

What though the tempest rage, Heav'n is my home;
Short is my pilgrimage, Heav'n is my home;
And time's wild wintry blast soon shall be over-passed;
I shall reach home at last, Heav'n is my home.

Then will God's trumpet sound, Heav'n is my home.
Believers gathered round, Heav'n is my home.
Angel shouts will be heard, and Christ will give the word,
Forever with the Lord, Heav'n is my home.

There at my Savior's side, Heav'n is my home;
I shall be glorified, Heav'n is my home;
With those who Christ confessed, those I love most and best;
And there I, too, shall rest, Heav'n is my home.

Sin's curse will be no more, Heav'n is my home.
No tears of sorrow flow, Heav'n is my home.
There face to face I'll see, Jesus who set me free,
And there fore'er I'll be, Heav'n is my home.

Therefore I murmur not, Heav'n is my home;
Whate'er my earthly lot, Heav'n is my home;
And I shall surely stand there at my Lord's right hand.
Heav'n is my fatherland, Heav'n is my home. Amen.

Silent Prayer

News & Notes

Call Received – Your pastor has received the divine call from Faith Lutheran Church in Manchester MO to serve as their pastor. Please keep me in your prayers as I deliberate where the Lord may best use me for the building up of His Church on earth, and I welcome any input or questions you may have.

No Bible Class – There will be no Sunday morning or Tuesday afternoon Bible class for the rest of November. We'll resume our normal study schedule beginning on Sunday, December 1st.

Pastor Absence – Pastor Naumann is away from the parish until the 29th. If any emergencies arise while he's away, please contact our congregation president, Dennis Lux, or Pastor Wayne Eichstadt: (507) 380-1068.

Thanksgiving Worship – There will be no midweek worship for Thanksgiving here at Trinity – instead, we will have Thanksgiving Sunday worship on December 1st. Our sister congregation, Gethsemane, will be having Thanksgiving worship at 6:30pm, Wednesday the 27th if you'd like to attend.

Christmas Decorations – We will be decorating the church for Christmas on Saturday, December 7th at 10am.

Christmas Party – Our annual Christmas Party and white elephant gift exchange will be on December 8th after worship. Please bring a brunch-style dish to share at the party and a white gift to exchange costing no more than \$10.

No Midweek Advent Worship – The church council, with congregational feedback, has made the decision to not hold midweek Advent worship this year. We will, instead, be uploading Advent devotions to our YouTube page every Wednesday in December leading up until Christmas.

Sign-Up Sheets – There are four sign-up sheets in the entryway: 1) Greeters for 2025, 2) Cleaners for 2025, 3) Mowers for 2025, 4) Pastoral visit sign-up.

News from around the Church of the Lutheran Confession



Calls: Pastor Caleb Schaller of Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI has returned the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA